THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Railway Appropriation Bills. *(Interruptions)*

I. APPROPRIATION (RAILWAYS) BILL, 1990.

II. APPROPRIATION (RAILWAYS) NO. 2 BILL, 1990.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): Madam, I beg to move:

"That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1990-91 for the purposes of Railways, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

"That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1989-90 for the purposes of Railways, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The questions were proposed.

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): May I request you to pass these Bills without discussion? *(Interruptions)*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We generally do not discuss what we discuss in the Chamber. That is understood.

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): To this extent the Leader of the House reflects the opinion of all.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That is a good spirit.

The question is:

"That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1990-91 for the purposes of Railways, as passed by the Lok Sabha be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now we shall take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 2 and 3 and the Schedule were added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: I move:

"That the Bill be returned."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now I put the second Bill to vote. The question is:

"That the Bill to authorise payment and appropriation of certain further sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of the financial year 1989-90 for the purposes of Railways, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted.

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"That the Bill be returned."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now we take up Budget (General), 1990-91.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): Will it also be passed like that?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: If the House so agrees, the Chair has no objection.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: Provided the Finance Minister gives some more concessions.

ALLOTMENT OF TIME FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION ..(SIXTY-FOURTH) AMENDMENT BILL 1990.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Chairman has informed the Members that the Business Advisory Committee, at its meeting held today, the 27th March, 1990, recommended that the consideration and passing of the Constitution (Sixty-fourth) Amendment Bill, 1990, will be taken up on Wednesday, the 28th March, 1990, and allotted two hours for the same.

I have also to inform that Mr. Mufti Mohammad Sayeed will make a Statement on the Kashmir situation at 6.00 P.M. today. Yesterday, the Members were concerned about it. Today, the Government has come forward with the Statement and I hope you will discuss it in all seriousness.

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): Could the Home Minister's Statement be at 6.30 P.M?

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): I have no objection.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: So, it will be at 6.30 P.M.

Now we shall take up Budget (General), 1990. Shri S. B. Chavan.

BUDGET (GENERAL), 1990-91

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN (Maharashtra): Madam Deputy Chairman, the Budget has been presented by my esteemed friend, Shri Madhu Dandavate. I would like to refer in particular to the third paragraph of his speech where he makes a statement about the constraint under which the Budget had to be presented to the House. In fact, he has said: "This is not with a spirit of acrimony but with a view to revealing to the House the grim realities...." That is how he has started.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY): in the Chair] Sir, there are two or three points on which he has dwelt, and the first point was whether the Central Government budgetary deficit was Rs. 13,790 crores as on 1st December 1989, a level nearly double the deficit projected for the whole year in 1989-90. The second aspect about which he has made a special mention was that the wholesale prices had risen by 6.6 per cent since the beginning of the financial year. And the third point which he was pleased to mention was that the balance of payments position was under strain and that the foreign exchange reserves excluding gold and SRDs were down to around Rs. 5,000 crores. The fourth point was that the stocks of foodgrains have fallen to 11 millions. Sir, these are the four special constraints which the hon. Finance Minister has made a reference to.

Sir, I would like to request the hon. Finance Minister to see the total deficit of the year 1988-89. And I may bring to his notice that the overall deficit which was projected high, if you would see the actuals for 1988-89—item No. 16—the overall deficit was reduced to Rs. 5,642 crores. In the year 1989-90, the overall deficit was Rs. 7,337 crores. And the figure which they had quoted, Rs. 13,790 crores, has come down to Rs. 11,750 crores. This also is because of the non-plan expenditure which, in fact, I do not recollect. But I have heard from some of my colleagues that one of the officers of the Finance Ministry